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Application of: Robert A. Ferstenberg et al.

Serial No.: 09/209,815

Group Art Unit: 2767

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OF COMMODITIES

Attorney Docket No.: 8854-0606

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 1999, Applicants submit this Amendment and respectfully request consideration of the following remarks and amendments. A petition for extension of time authorizing the appropriate fee is enclosed herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1.

Please add the following new claims:

86. (New) A computer implemented method for an electronic intermediated exchange of a plurality of commodities among a plurality of participants comprising the electronic negotiation steps of:

(a) receiving, at an intermediary computer program, electronic opening messages from computer programs representing the participants, wherein the opening messages provide commodity exchange requests of the participants;

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FEE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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Sir:

The fee required to be filed with the accompanying amendment of even date herewith concerning the above-identified application has been estimated to be \$0.

The claim amendment fee has been estimated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)		SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE	ADDIT. FEE	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	20	MINUS	20	=	0	× 9	\$	× 18	\$ 0.00
INDEP.	3	MINUS	3	=	0	× 39	\$	× 78	\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					130		\$	+ 260	\$
TOTAL						\$		OR TOTAL	\$ 0.00

Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.
A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

 Respectfully submitted,
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Date May 17, 2000

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Enclosure